

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated March 31, 2008, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement, which requires election of one of the following groups of claims for prosecution in the present application:

I. Claims 1-4, 9-23, and 41-61, drawn to a method for administration of an account maintained by two institutions;

II. Claims 5-8, drawn to a method for administration of related subsidiary accounts located in the same country;

III. Claim 24-25, drawn to a method for providing relating accounts where the spending capacity of a subsidiary account is determined by a currency exchange rate;

IV. Claims 26-40, drawn to a system for creation and administration of subsidiary accounts.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I in the present application. That is, Claims 1-4, 9-23, and 41-61, are elected for prosecution in the present application.

An early and favorable examination of those claims on the merits is respectfully requested.

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